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Reviewed by Ruth Parnell

NET SPIES: Who's Watching You on the Web?

by Andrew Gauntlett

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The Internet has revolutionised the way we communicate in the 1990s, but this newfound freedom comes with a price.

With the inexorable advance of communications technology comes an unprecedented threat to privacy, not just to individuals but to governments and corporations, from both "official" and "unofficial" hackers.

Net Spies, the first book by British author/journalist Andrew Gauntlett, a computer scientist and consultant, will make you think twice next time you log on or divulge any personal details. Indeed, you don't have to have a computer for your privacy to be at risk, for your data are fair game in cyberspace. Either way, it helps to be cyber-smart and Gauntlett navigates the minefields of data surveillance, encryption devices, processor ID chips, credit card fraud, spam e-mail, net porn, even retrieval of deleted files from hard drives, in the hope of striking home how safety on the information superhighway cannot be guaranteed.

Gauntlett's chapter on the ECHELON global spying system (see feature article and Global News this issue), is timely, and

recent revelations about the US National Security Agency's industrial spying against German companies, on behalf of American corporations, show it's not just individuals whose privacy is being compromised.

It used to be just phone, fax and telex that were monitored; now, supercomputers check code-words against e-mails. If you value your Internet and telephone privacy, then all the more reason to heed Gauntlett's advice to take precautions and exercise caution.

THE ATLANTIS ENIGMA

by Herbie Brennan

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The age-old question of whether Atlantis really existed is again analysed, this time by bestselling author Herbie Brennan (*Time Travel, Martian Genesis*) in his latest book, *The Atlantis Enigma*. It's a synthesis of orthodox and alternative ideas about the legendary lost continent and its final demise.

While Brennan refers to evidence for humans living on Earth much earlier than conventionally thought, the evidence he offers to support the existence of an advanced civilisation in pre-Deluvian times is either anecdotal (Plato's accounts), circumstantial, or still under investigation and awaiting release of findings. He gives succinct summaries of research into the diverse locations claimed for Atlantis—from Bimini and off the coast of Cornwall, to Africa and

the Antarctic—but he can be no more definitive than other investigators.

Brennan argues that, according to the archaeological evidence, any advanced civilisation that existed around 12,000 years ago would have been disastrously affected by a catastrophe of cosmic proportions—most likely the result of a supernova fragment passing close to Earth, as geologists Allan and Delair propose in *When the Earth Nearly Died*. Humanity may have survived in pockets around the planet, but civilisation did not, getting buried under piles of rubble or submerged beneath the ocean.

While the jury is out until more evidence can be retrieved, the enigma of Atlantis continues to capture the public imagination. Brennan's pacy, accessible book should serve well in bringing some obscure theories about our past into the limelight.



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OLD SOULS

by Tom Shroder

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The most compelling evidence for reincarnation comes from children who can remember details of their most immediate past life—details which can be confirmed by relatives and friends still living.

In his quest to understand the phenomenon, Thomas Shroder, a respected journalist and editor formerly at the *Miami Herald* and now at the *Washington Post*, persuaded psychiatrist Dr Ian Stevenson to let him accompany him on field trips to follow up case histories in Lebanon, India and the USA.

Dr Stevenson, a spritely 80-year-old, has been investigating children with past-life memories since 1957, when he became head of psychiatry at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center. Since then, he has amassed more than 2,500 case files, written numerous scientific papers and been praised by reincarnation researchers over the years for the integrity of his approach. His studies cross diverse cultures, such as the Druse in Lebanon and Hindus in India where, because reincarnation is considered a fact, people are more accepting and thus willing to speak of their experiences and chase up immediate past-life connections themselves.

In *Old Souls*, Shroder describes his travels with Dr Stevenson, his meetings with the children (now adults), and interviews with

relatives who confirm their stories and often establish close bonds with their "newfound" family member. Even though Shroder is still coming to grips with reincarnation and a scientific explanation for the soul, what he discovered has utterly changed his life and confirmed that life beyond death *is* a reality.

YOUR HEALTH AT RISK

by Toni Jeffreys, PhD

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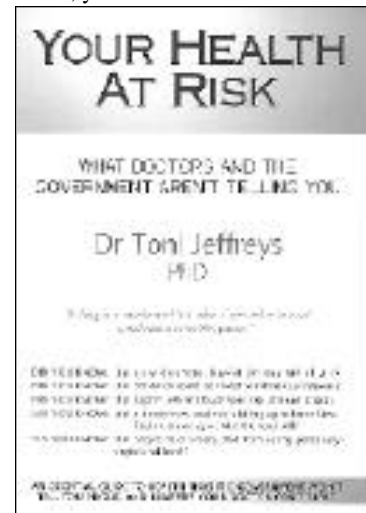
We can't be healthy today without first having considerable knowledge of the hazards around us, says Toni Jeffreys, PhD. She's spent the last 20 years researching orthodox and alternative medical/health literature and treatments, and managed to survive childhood TB and, later, ME. In 1977 she founded the Australian and New Zealand ME Society to help sufferers of so-called 20th century syndrome. Her fourth book, *Your Health at Risk*, is her forum for speaking out about what doctors and governments aren't telling us, the public.

Jeffreys chose to examine 35 "health myths", and the subjects will be familiar to regular NEXUS readers: cholesterol, electromagnetic fields, fluoride, genetically modified foods, immunisation, margarine, milk, neurotoxins MSG and aspartame, plas-

tics, prescription drugs, Prozac, unleaded petrol...the list goes on. She makes it patently clear how the public has been misled on health matters by lies, misinformation or no information at all.

In each chapter, Jeffreys highlights the key research, much of it recent and US-sourced, that slams "conventional wisdom" on its head and that also suggests a better way. She censures the global medical/pharmaceutical establishment over the millions of lives lost when ignorance, greed, corruption and pride overshadow concerns for health.

Unexpectedly, one of the myths Jeffreys confronts is the ideology of positive thinking, explaining that we only grow by being realistic, by confronting the negatives that go hand in hand with the human condition, and by keeping a sense of humour and proportion. Her advice could change, perhaps even save, your life.





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ALIEN INVESTIGATOR

by Tony Dodd

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It was Tony Dodd's own close-up sighting of a UFO in 1978, as a police sergeant in North Yorkshire, England, that piqued his curiosity about the phenomenon—a curiosity that has become a "career" since his retirement from the force in 1988.

In *Alien Investigator*, Dodd presents gripping case studies of strange sightings, close encounters and alien abductions, plus mysterious animal and even human mutilations.

What makes Dodd a respected UFO researcher—and makes other high-profile investigators like Armen Victorian want to work with him on cases—no doubt stems from the methodical approach he developed as a detective. This gives him a credibility that has prompted many anonymous military personnel to spill details to him of highly classified incidents; for example, the transport of two dead "grey" aliens to Porton Downs from a UFO that crashed in Wales in 1974; the sighting of UFOs flying over and under a nuclear submarine suspended in dry dock at a facility in Scotland in 1989; the

existence of an underwater alien base to the east of Iceland, and the disappearance of a US military warship in the area in 1993; and the presence of secret US military underground bases in England; and more.

Tony Dodd's research has brought him to the attention of certain agencies who have intimidated him and threatened his life, but this has only strengthened his resolve to piece together the big picture. His mission now has a spiritual aspect since he's made telepathic contact with alien intelligences. Secrecy laws may keep the truth from Dodd for now, but his book is well worth reading.

THE KEY TO GABRIEL

by Coby Zvikler

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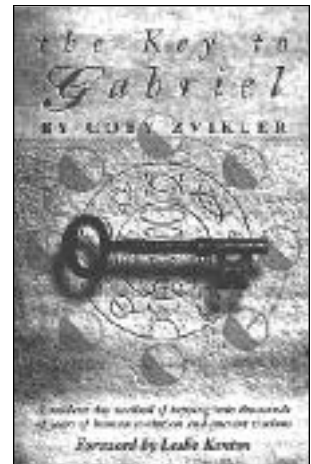
Coby Zvikler was aware of his special healing powers as a very young child.

Years later, once he'd learnt to integrate his abilities, he found that the healing energy he tapped into and transmitted could also be magnetised. His video and audio tapes had the effect of producing spontaneous healings of intractable physical and emotional problems, even with the sound turned down.

Zvikler set about to find ways to store this energy charge, and experimented with magnetic strip cards before he discovered aluminium to be the best medium. And so the "Em-Power Disc" was born, and from the testimonials in *The Key to Gabriel* it seems Zvikler has achieved his dream. Scores of

people attest to the disc's healing power when it is worn or placed within their energy field. Not having used one of these discs, I can't comment on its efficacy, but in view of Zvikler's explanations, I'd support his call for scientific validation tests.

To explain how the device works, Zvikler introduces the Interactive Mind Model which combines the physical body, the conscious and subconscious minds, the central control system, instinctive programming and the Higher Self—the latter having access to the blueprint of every aspect of our being. So, by accessing and communicating with the Higher Self, we can bring about healings—from turning negative imagination into positive, to aligning spines and removing pain. Zvikler claims the disc facilitates this conscious Higher Self connection and is a truly remarkable tool for the evolution of consciousness. Em-Power Disc or not, this information is empowering in its own right.



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INSIDE THE GEMSTONE FILE

by **Kenn Thomas & David H. Childress**

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In mid-1975, a document called "The Skeleton Key to the Gemstone File" went into circulation, and it has gained much notoriety in the last quarter-century. Only 24 pages long, it is purportedly a summary of hundreds of pages of notes by Bruce Roberts (the supposed inventor of synthetic rubies used in lasers) that tied the Kennedys, Aristotle Onassis, Howard Hughes and the Mafia into a web of domestic and international intrigue. But how much of it is true?

In *Inside the Gemstone File*, authors Kenn Thomas and David Childress analyse the Gemstone File's background and context and include commentaries from noted conspiracy researchers like the late Mae Brussell, Robin Ramsay, Jim Hougan and Jonathan Vankin, all of whom have questioned the soundness of Roberts' thesis—that it may ring true in parts, but it hardly describes the Really Big Picture.

There are some dazzlers here, including Thomas's essay on the Hughes/Onassis link-up, and Childress's musings on author/spook Ian Fleming whose plots would seem to mirror the real-life machinations of Onassis as "Mr Big". There's a verbatim reprint of the anonymous "Kiwi Gemstone File" which lists alleged shady dealings amongst big business, the CIA and organised crime in New Zealand and Australia in 1967–1987; and a copy of the "COM-12 Briefing" document which sheds light on journalist Danny Casolaro's "Octopus" findings. This is a compilation that feeds the controversy, and is a must-read for conspiracy researchers.

HEALING DISEASE WITH REBIRTHING

by **Pauline Avis & David McNab**

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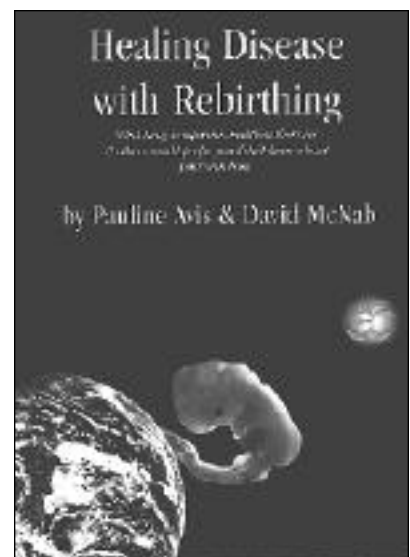
It's a rare person who doesn't carry around emotional baggage. And not only does it weigh heavily, it causes disease, according to rebirthing therapists Pauline Avis and David McNab. In *Healing Disease with Rebirthing*, they explain that illness is the result of negative emotions and beliefs that imprint themselves on the subconscious mind and cellular structure. Of all the modalities, from mainstream psychotherapy to alternative treatments, Avis and McNab see rebirthing as the most effective way to transform energy blockages that cause disease and inhibit personal potential.

Recent shameful intrusions by the New Zealand "medical/media mafia" against a family seeking alternative cancer therapies got Avis and McNab fired up to write their book.

In it, they bare intimate details of their own healing journeys and tell of their often frustrating experiences with the medical establishment and media. They relate the amazing stories of clients who have rid themselves of cancer, congenital disease and childhood trauma through this simple but powerful breathing technique.

Rebirthing therapy has only been in existence for 25 years, but myths have already grown up around it. Here, the authors dispel those myths and explain the technique and how it works. Dealing with unresolved birth trauma is just one of its healing potentials, for it allows all kinds of deeply suppressed pain to be brought into conscious awareness, confronted and then dissolved.

Avis and McNab are passionate about rebirthing's powers for self-healing and transformation. Their book will make you see the technique in a new light.





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REACHING FOR REALITY: Seven Incredible True Stories of Alien Abduction

by **Constance Clear, MA, MSW**

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A psychotherapist in private practice since 1976, Constance Clear did not have her first client present with symptoms of alien abduction until early 1995. Within another 14 months, six others with similar symptoms consulted her at her clinic in San Antonio, Texas. Five of the seven requested hypnosis sessions to help them recover repressed memories of their experiences, but one of them did not respond to the technique for long enough to achieve results.

These largely professional people were sufficiently traumatised to seek treatment, but Clear notes that none had psychotic traits, personality disorders or history of childhood abuse. As part of her therapy she asked each of the seven to write about and illustrate their often bizarre, horrifying and painful abduction experiences so they could work through their emotions. These writings and drawings form the backbone of Clear's book, *Reaching for Reality*, and through them she and her patients hope that others who have had similar abduction experi-

ences will gain some validation and also relief that their stories are not uncommon. By mid-1996, the seven agreed to participate in group discussion therapy, and found this of great benefit in coping with the isolation they feel forced to endure in life.

With only seven such clients, this doesn't make Clear an "expert" on the abduction phenomenon—yet. The main thing is, she takes it seriously, and can apply techniques that really seem to help her clients come to terms with their experiences.

THE PLAGUE MAKERS: The Secret World of Biological Warfare

by **Wendy Barnaby**

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The Biological Weapons Convention that came into force in 1975 has done nothing to stop nations with a scientific support base from seeking a BW capability. Jane's reported in 1993 that 16 nations were probably developing bioweapons (a figure which must have risen in the meantime), but that list didn't include the UK, USA and Canada who were biowarfare "brothers in arms" in World War II, as science journalist Wendy Barnaby explains in *The Plague Makers*.

Barnaby examines what the bioweapons are, why there is a growing threat from them, and what effects they would have if used—which they have been, in fact, and against American and British civilians in peacetime. Next, she considers the threat of biological terrorism (but not the role of covert agencies in promoting it); attempts by UNSCOM to uncover Iraq's BW program; and past BW developments in Germany, the former USSR, Japan and South Africa—but all too little on recent progress in top-secret labs in Israel, the UK and USA.

Advances in genetic engineering have revolutionised the way biowarfare research is conducted. Scientists can now extract toxins from biological substances much more efficiently and engineer bacteria to be immune to antibiotics. Thus Barnaby also questions the role of scientists in the creation and proliferation of biological and chemical weapons and the vaccines against them—Gulf War syndrome being a tragic case in point. She urges that the BWC be amended to prohibit research into bioagents and toxins in peacetime, but realises that even revised treaties may have no effect against nations hellbent on having a cheap, but deadly, biological arsenal on hand.

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THE MOTHER LINK

by Cassandra Eason

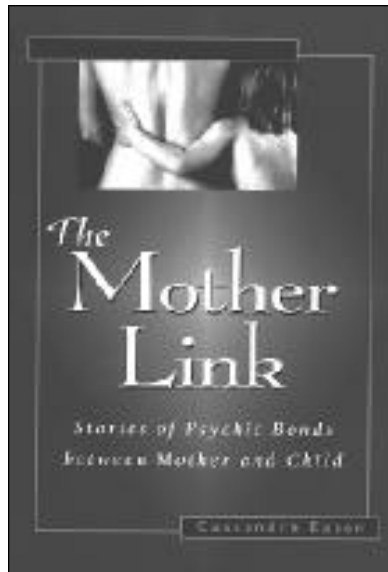
Publisher: Seastone, USA, 1999 (first published as *Mother Love*, Robinson Publishers, UK, 1998)

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The purest, most enduring form of love is a mother's love, being at once both mystical and mundane. It's at the heart of human existence and has nurtured—and outlasted—civilisations. This is the basis of UK author Cassandra Eason's book, *The Mother Link* (originally titled *Mother Love*), the result of her desire to celebrate motherhood. Eason appealed for contributions and was overwhelmingly rewarded with



responses, though these have been considerably edited down for this US edition.

The stories speak of the power of maternal intuition, of the emotional, psychic and spiritual bonds between mother and child, and of the patience and care which mothers selflessly give to their offspring. Mothers tell of averting sure-death situations by acting upon niggling feelings, of loving links and two-way communications with their unborn children, and of premonitions that allowed them a chance to farewell their babies who were about to die suddenly.

Eason covers special links, including adoptive mothers and grandmothers (this world

and beyond), single mothers and stepmothers, and mothers who establish a psychic connection with beings not yet conceived.

To paraphrase Eason, the mother link can transcend time, space and biology, and confound scientific attempts to quantify it. I'm still nonplussed over the study she cites that showed newborns responded attentively to the theme from *Neighbours*, which had been played to them while in the womb. Other sorts of music had no such effect!

These moving, sometimes spooky, stories are testament to the power of motherhood—about which there can be no argument!

THE RHYTHMS OF NATURE Volume I by Brian David Andersen

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Brian David Andersen has some truly paradigm-changing findings to share in *The Rhythms of Nature*. However, they're hidden within a stream-of-consciousness rave that's big on rhetoric and requires patience to follow. Okay, so it's his rave, but his thesis really deserves some judicious editing.

At the centre of Anderson's argument is his hypothesis that all the chemical elements consist of condensed chirals or light particles, so formed by harmonic tones generated by the Sun, the Earth and the other planets of the solar system. Moreover, the chemical elements (96 in total, according to his model) manifest in multiples of seven. Andersen illustrates this by superimposing these 96 elements on a 360-degree circle, showing that they were formed not in a linear manner but in a wave that repeats every 26.25 degrees around the circle. For anyone interested in sacred geometry, this creates myriad beautiful, recursive mandala designs, the more one moves into the mathematics.

With due acknowledgement to occult chemists Besant and Leadbeater, who spent 35 years from the late 1890s psychically mapping the elements, Andersen describes the 96-strong Harmonic Table of the Elements, wherein oxygen supports the structure of condensed light and provides coherent movement to the other 95 elements, and phosphorus—the third element formed in the first multiple-seven wave—transforms chirals into physical matter. He's really onto something important here.

From the colour spectrum to the chakra system, Andersen's interconnections could well turn your world-view inside out.



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MILABS: Military Mind Control and Alien Abduction

by Dr Helmut Lammer and Marion Lammer

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If secret military/intelligence groups have an interest in UFO technology, extraterrestrial biology, alien abductions, mind-control and PSI-power, is it that much a stretch of the imagination to think they might take a special interest in alien abductees themselves? According to Dr Helmut Lammer and Marion Lammer in *MILABS*, a small proportion of people claiming to have been abducted by aliens also claim to have been kidnapped and experimented on by all-too-human military/medical personnel (see Dr Lammer's article in NEXUS 6/04).



These MILABS, or military abductions, sometimes had aliens (Greys, reptoids) present with humans, and most involved drugging, transport to a secret underground base and medical tests, both genetic and gynaecological. In some cases, abductees reported seeing people in a similar plight to themselves; in others, they reported undergoing medical procedures to remove alleged alien implants, and traumatic mind-control programming with electrodes and drugs.

The Lammers, who are based in Austria, were inundated with reports from mostly US-based MILABS victims as a result of articles they had published in 1996.

MILABS evidence, the Lammers suggest, is being ignored by the majority of American UFO researchers who cannot accept the idea that covert US military/intelligence agents *could* be involved in such dark activities.

The Lammers provide as much documentation as can be expected in view of the top-secret and subjective nature of MILABS, and suggest there are several covert agendas involved on the part of the military.

HEALING: DOORWAY TO THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

by Donald A. McDowell, DC

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In 1991, Canberra-based chiropractor Donald McDowell made the first of many visits over the next few years to The Philippines, first and foremost to accompany a dying friend in search of alternative treatment for terminal cancer. Prompted by stories of friends who had been successfully healed by "faith healers", McDowell was also on a mission to find out more about the underlying spiritual principles. *Healing: Doorway to the Spiritual World* records his journeys and discoveries along the way.

Most of the healers he met, such as the renowned Jun Labo, utilise what McDowell calls "magnetic healing", and it can involve removal of tissue without obvious incision, though it doesn't have to: patients tend to request visible signs of a treatment being effected. McDowell videotaped many sessions, and includes 150 colour photographs here (some are grisly sights indeed!).

But these healings don't always result in success: the patient may not be prepared to change his/her ways to enable the treatment to take its proper course; and some terminal cases may not survive, though McDowell suggests that as a result of the treatment they are better prepared to confront death, as in the case of his friend in 1991.

McDowell has had special access to witness, even participate in, surgical procedures first-hand, and is deeply impressed by what he saw and experienced (his own healing included). He has also seen the curious healing powers of the Santo Niño statue, transmitted through medium Martin Herrera.

His accounts are compelling, and take us as close as he can get to scientific verification of spiritual manifestation.

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VIDEOS

Reviewed by Duncan Roads

THE 1999 NEXUS CONFERENCE

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• DR PAUL AMEISEN

Secrets of Correct Breathing

If you've never heard of the Buteyko method, I suggest you see this video of Dr Ameisen's talk and read his article in this issue. His fascinating presentation gave very empowering information on how to improve health simply by breathing correctly.

• PROFESSOR JOHN FRODSHAM

Occult Literature in Early Twentieth-Century Europe

This "Reappraisal of the Literature of Materialisation from Crookes to W. B. Yeats and Geley" sounds like a mouthful, but if you're a researcher into the paranormal you'll find this very interesting. Professor Frodsham's presentation is mainly a discussion of ectoplasmic materialisation, and includes visual evidence.

• SIR LAURENCE GARDNER

Realm of the Ring Lords

Another fascinating presentation, this time largely detailing the history of the Church's "demonisation" of unpopular historical truths and legends. Continuing the Grail Bloodline research, Sir Laurence also covers the Wood Lords, the Dark Ages, the origin of the terms "elf", "fairy" and "pixie", and much more. Sir Laurence expanded on his 90-minute presentation in a separate post-Conference talk; the 3-hour PAL/VHS videotape and audiotape are available.

• CHRIS GILBEY

How to Survive the Y2K Crisis

Chris Gilbey's informative overview of where we are at in terms of Y2K preparation includes suggestions as to what we can do to minimise Millennium Bug effects. A timely talk to open the Conference!

• BARRY HILTON

Suppressed Science & Scientists

Author/inventor Barry Hilton's interesting Around-up includes the "greats" of suppressed science and technology, such as Bessler, Keely and Schauburger, the Swiss ML Converter, the existence of the aether and zero point energy, an update on the "Joe Cell", and his own incredible "Hilton Centrifical Magnetodynamic ZPE Engine".

• DR JAMES H. HURTAK

The Opening of the Time Doors in India, Asia and the Pacific

In this fascinating, very visual presentation, Dr Hurtak outlines his current archaeological research, including Giza Plateau excavations, underwater ruins, crop circles and the fulfilment of prophecy. Dr Hurtak emphasises that we are living in a period of great importance in history, and it's no accident we are uncovering our mysterious, ancient heritage at this point.

• JOHANNA LAMBERT

Earth Under Fire

As the host of Dr Paul LaViolette's documentary, *Earth Under Fire*, Johanna Lambert was at the Conference both to present the video documentary and to answer various questions relating to his research.

As Johanna's presentation was only 45 minutes long, you'll need to watch the *Earth Under Fire* video (available separately from most NEXUS offices) to appreciate this presentation fully. If you purchase the *Earth Under Fire* video and mention this review, we'll throw in this video for free! (Offer applicable only in Australia!)

• BRUCE MOEN

Exploring Non-Physical Reality

A very interesting exploration of the Adimensions of non-physical reality by Monroe Institute graduate Bruce Moen. He is not alone in this exploration, as many people, from both physical and non-physical existences, share these fascinating realms. Bruce also did an extended 3-hour version of his 90-minute Conference talk; PAL/VHS video and audiotape available on request.

• GRAHAM STRACHAN

Globalisation & the New World Order

Graham Strachan is an entertaining and very informative speaker, shining clear light on the shady subject of globalisation and how it is being used to usher in an integrated world economy and accompanying political structures.



REVIEWS

AUDIO

Reviewed by Richard Giles

NEW ANCIENT STRINGS

by Toumani Diabate & Ballake Sissoko

Producer: Lucy Duran for Rykodisc, France, 1999 (54mins)

Distributors: **Aust**—Festival, tel (02) 9955 8000; **UK**—Rykodisc, tel 0181 746 1234; **USA**—Rykodisc, tel (508) 744 7678

The kora is one of Africa's great musical instruments, and Toumani Diabate from Mali is regarded as one of the most brilliant exponents of kora. He is joined by Ballake Sissoko, also on kora, and together they create an extraordinarily fresh interpretation of classics from the Malian tradition. The album was recorded in a single evening, straight through with no retakes, and it truly shows in the pure and brilliant intensity of flowing kora-playing. This is a classic of great African music, well worth possessing.

REMEMBER SHAKTI—Live in Concert

Producer: John McLaughlin for PolyGram Records, France 1999 (2CDs, 132mins)

Distributor: **Aust/NZ/UK/Europe/USA**—Verve, PolyGram

Do you remember Shakti, the great 1970s Eastern/Western musical combination of John McLaughlin, Zakir Hussain, "Vikku" Vinayakram and others? My early album collection included their classic *Birds of Fire*. McLaughlin, Hussain and Vinayakram, with Hariprasad Chaurasia (bansuri master) and Uma Metha (tanpura), were brought together by the Contemporary Music Network for a UK tour in 1997, to celebrate the 20th century achievements of Indian/western musical collaboration. Over two hours of superlative, cooperative, spiritual musical connections. Superb album.

BIRTH OF A RIVER

by Paul Reisler and Bobby Read

Producers: Bobby Read & Paul Reisler for EarthSea Records, USA, 1998 (46mins)

Distributor: **USA**—Platinum Distrib., tel 1800 945 3059 x2262, fax (770) 663 1009

EarthSea Records was established to promote global music and the environment. This latest release, *Birth of a River*, is an exciting composition involving Paul Reisler (guitars, dulcimer), Bobby Read (sax, flute, clarinet), a range of artists from the Turtle Island String Quartet (violin, cello, bass and drums), and guest Krishna Das, a master of southern Indian percussion. The album traces the birth of a river from the mountains to its final merging in the ocean. The remarkable energetics of water are captured on this special treat of an album.

A MEDITERRANEAN ODYSSEY

by various artists

Producer: Dan Storper for Putumayo World Music, USA, 1999 (45mins)

Distributors: **Australia**—MRA Entertainment, tel (07) 3849 6020; **USA**—Putumayo Records, tel (212) 625 1400

This magical record company has done it again. Its dedication to world music has manifested a Mediterranean musical feast. Luscious rhythms from Spain, Italy, Sardinia, Greece and France, with Gypsy, flamenco and Arab styles, pour out of the CD. Highlights are Tekameli, Gypsy brothers from the Pyrénées; Luis Delgado, with traditional Moorish music; Lo'Jo, who blend Gypsy with North African; and Novalia, an Italian folk group who fuse electronic with bagpipe, accordion and darbouka (Arab drum). A fascinating and splendid mix.

GENESIS OF THE GRAIL KINGS

by Adrian Wagner

Producers: A. Wagner & L. Gardner for MediaQuest, UK, 1999 (55mins)

Available: **Aust/NZ**—NEXUS offices;

UK—MediaQuest, tel 01239 710594, e-mail <enquiries@mediaquest.co.uk>

Adrian Wagner, descendant of composer Richard Wagner, created a musical interpretation of Sir Laurence Gardner's *Bloodline of the Holy Grail* (NEXUS 5/03). This time, while Gardner was writing his second book, *Genesis of the Grail Kings*, Wagner and he collaborated step by step on this new album. In early times, music was totally integrated in royal and religious cultures. Wagner researched these ancient tunings and harmonics and included them on *Genesis*. Some aspects of that music were so powerful, they were banned by the Church in the Middle Ages. We hear them re-created on this album, along with the levitation toning rituals used in construction by Tibetan monks and the Knights Templars.

